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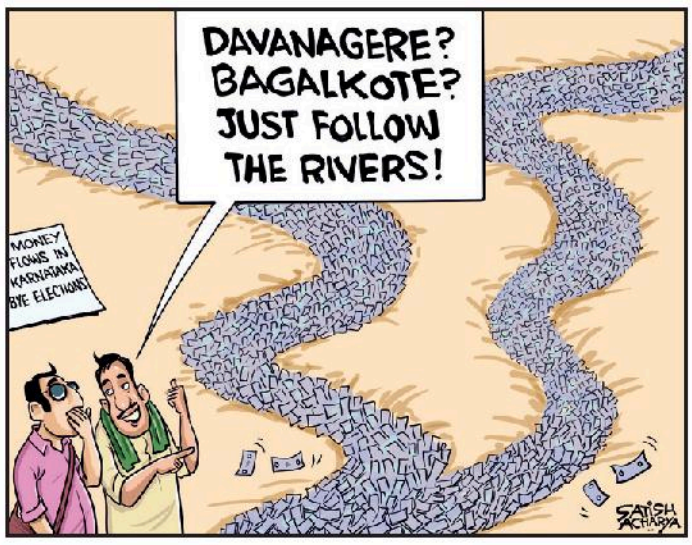
Mysuru, Saturday 25th April 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Lord Shiva, the healer: ***Vaideeswaran Kovil in Tamil Nadu is famous for its deity, its sacred water and for the sacredness of the town itself. The name of Lord Shiva here is Vaidyanathaswami. The Goddess here is known as Thaiyalnayaki. In Thevaram, this place is referred to as Pullirukkuvelur*** *(pulruk+vel+oor),* ***said T. Rajarathinam in a discourse.*** *Pul* ***means bird. Here it is a reference to birds like Jatayu and Sampati.*** *Ruk* ***refers to Rg Vedam.*** *Vel* ***is a reference to Lord Muruga.*** *Oor* ***means place. Because the Rg Veda, the birds Jatayu and Sampati and Lord Muruga worshipped Shiva here, the place is known as Pullirukkuvelur. Appar says the sins of those who worship in Pullirukkuvelur will be destroyed. Thirugnanasambandar says Jatayu and Sampati worshipped here.***

Lord Shiva here is believed to be One who heals. Angaraka (Mars) worshipped Shiva here. Sage Dhanvantri departed from the world at this place. Kamadhenu did an abhisheka with milk for the deity here. The name of Murugan in this temple is Muthukumaraswami. Kumaraguruparar has sung Muthukumaraswami Pillai Tamizh, in praise of the Murugan of Vaideeswaran temple. Kumaraguruparar says that because the Sun *(pariti* ***in Tamil) is worshipped in this temple, the town is called Parithipuri. He also gives other names by which the place is known, like Kandapuri, Vedapuri etc. He offers salutations to Vaidyanathaswami too, when he says*** *'Velur Vaidyanathanai potrudhum.'* ***Vaidyanathaswami is worshipped for relief from illnesses. Appar refers to Vaidyanathaswami as the One who can cure incurable diseases. There is a Shiva temple in Thiruvanmiyur in Chennai, where the deity is called Marundheeswarar, the One who offers medicines. Symbolically, the disease that Shiva cures is the affliction known as samsara. He saves us from repeated births and deaths.***— *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Paraglider rescued while cow observes

Turin: Firefighters in Italy rescued a paraglider stranded in a tree, and the operation was observed by "a curious spectator" — a cow. Fire officials said two crews from Ivrea and Turin responded when a paraglider descending toward Vico Canavese became stuck in a tree about 26 feet over the ground.

The fire fighters used a ladder braced by ropes on each side to reach the man, who was able to climb down uninjured.

A video shared by firefighters shows the rescue being observed by "a curious spectator," a local cow whose bell provided a soundtrack to the entire incident.

Store sells over 30,000 kinds of snacks

Beijing: Mingming Henmang, the newly opened Snack Kingdom in Changsha's Furong Square brings together over 6,500 snack brands from all over the globe. With 12,000 square meters of operating space and over 35,000 snacks, Snack Kingdom received the Guinness World Record certification as the "World's Largest Snack Store" on the day of its inauguration, April 17.

The entrance is a long "snack corridor" made up of glass cabinets featuring colourful snacks and it's meant to give visitors an idea of what they can expect inside.

Snack Kingdom is meant to function as an actual store, although it has been struggling to keep up with demand ever since it opened.

On April 19, management announced that it was suspending sales for a few days in order to deal with several issues, including restocking, checkout efficiency, and system capacity.

Changsha is also home to a supersized snack store that features giant versions of popular snacks, such as Lay's chips bags, Oreo cookies and instant noodles, all available for purchase.

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Autism Awareness Walkathon in Mysuru on Sunday

Mysuru, Apr. 25- In a collective effort to promote awareness, acceptance and inclusion for individuals on the autism spectrum, Devdan Foundation has organised an Autism Awareness Walkathon on Sunday in city.

The Walkathon will commence at 6.30 am from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near Mysore Palace and will conclude at university of Mysore Oval Grounds.

The initiative is being held in association with Paddha Trust, Rotary E-Club Mysore, Project Reach Out Mysore and Eshwar vidyalaya, Choranahalli, Mysuru. It aims to bring together people from all walks of life to foster a better understanding of autism and to support individuals and families affected by it.

Addressing media persons in city recently, Shubha urs of Mysuru Book Clubs and Jayanti Balal, Fasion designer, along with Devaiah Kotera and Ballachanda Dhanya uthappa, Founders of Devdan Foundation, highlighted the importance of early intervention and community awareness.

Sangeetha, Trustee of Paddha Trust, Bopanna, Rotarian from E-Club Mysore and Kishore Bidappa, Proprietor of Eshwar Vidyalaya, Mysuru, also stressed the need for active public participation in building an inclusive society.

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— Seema Latkar, City Police Commissioner

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MTy&BCT)- In a chilling case, Nazarbad Police have arrested a 60-year-old woman for allegedly killing her son after years of harassment for money to buy liquor. The accused, Manjula, 60, is said to have murdered her son Ramesh (44), a resident of Kesare in N.R. Mohalla.

The case came to light on Apr. 15, when Police found the body of an unidentified man with a crushed head in a vacant site near Tavarekatte at the foot of Chamundi Hill. Passers-by had alerted the Police.

With no immediate clues, investigators and Scene of Crime Officers (SOCO) began efforts to establish the victim's identity. The deceased was later identified as Ramesh, a resident of Kurimandi 10th Cross near Rama Mandira in Kesare.

The probe eventually led to a shocking revelation that his own mother was behind the murder.

(See MOTHER on page 14)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Due to underground cable laying works in the jurisdiction of 66/11 KV Devanur Power Transmission Centre, there will be disruption in power supply from 10 am to 5.30 pm tomorrow (Apr. 26) in the following areas: Sathagalli Layout, Sathagalli B Zone, Shaktinagar, Vidyashankar Layout, Teachers Layout, HPO & RMS extension, Papanna Layout, Triveni Circle, Yaraganahalli and surrounding areas.

Training workshop

Netaji Career Academy, located opposite Avila Convent on Krishna Vilas Road, near Jaganmohan Palace in the city, has organised a free training workshop on the written exam for recruitment to various posts in State Agriculture Department (Agriculture Officer, Assistant Agriculture Officer etc.) at its premises, from tomorrow (Apr. 26). For details, contact Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

Eye camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli in the city, has organised a week-long eye check-up camp on 'Cloudy Cornea' (Corneal Opacity) from Apr. 25 to 30. The camp is open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on all the days. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 94485-84801.

Preliminary meeting on Apr. 27

The preliminary meeting for the celebration of State-level Shivayogi Sri Siddarameshwara Jayanti and presentation of Siddarameshwara award will take place at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar at 11 am on Apr. 27.

Admission

The Government School for the Blind, located on 1st Cross, Tilaknagar in the city and functioning under the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, has invited applications from eligible visually impaired boy students for admission to 1st - 10th standards. Boy students in the age group of 6 to 16 years can apply. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2497496 or Mob: 94814-41453.

Yoga Namana

Mysuru Yogis Trust, in association with Government Maharaja Sanskrit College, Mysuru, has organised 'Yoga Namana' cultural programme at the Sanskrit College premises located on Sayyaji Rao Road at 6 pm on Apr. 29. Dr. Ganesh Rao of Gurukrupa Yoga and Ayurveda Treatment Clinic, will deliver a talk on Lord Krishna while Yoga Ratna Mukundan Guruji will deliver a discourse. For details, contact Mob: 94498-86322.

Greater Mysuru debate

Expanding area alone not enough: Belawadi

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (PM&BCT)- The 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' plan, drawn up largely from a geographic and layout perspective without wider public participation, is not appropriate, opined theatre personality and actor Prakash Belawadi.

He was speaking at a session on 'Greater Mysuru: Need for Strategic vision to Preserve Old Charm,' organised by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at its office in yadavagiri on Thursday evening.

Belawadi observed that the term 'Greater' has been borrowed from international models such as the Greater Toronto Area and the Greater Seattle Area. In the case of Greater Toronto, he noted, multiple Mayors govern autonomous regions, each empowered to take independent decisions on development priorities.

He questioned whether the Mysuru proposal envisages a similar decentralised model or merely seeks to expand the city by adding peripheral layouts.

Greater transparency needed

Stressing the need for transparency, Belawadi said, the public must be informed about the conceptual framework of 'Greater Mysuru' and the experts involved in drafting it. The plan, he argued, should reflect the city's strengths, its talent, economy, products and services, while also focusing on attracting new talent. "Only then will the idea of a 'Greater Mysuru' have meaning," he said.

He cautioned that simply redrawing boundaries does not make a city 'greater' and emphasised that the proposal must be rooted in the needs and aspirations of Mysuru's residents rather than limited to physical expansion.

Raising concerns over public consultation, Belawadi asked whether citizens' voices had been adequately considered. "What are Mysuru's current needs? What future demands must be anticipated? What opportunities lie ahead?" he asked, underscoring the importance of expert input and meaningful local representation.

He added that if the committee drafting the proposal lacks members with a deep connection to Mysuru, the outcome may not serve the city's interests. "Without the commitment of Mysuru's own people, the idea of Greater Mysuru will not be meaningful," he said.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat Executive Committee Member and Maj. Gen. S.G. vombatkere (retired), Heritage Expert Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, MGP President Roy Joseph, Working President S.K. Dinesh, Convener D.V. Dayananda Sagar, Civil Engineer Pavithra Mohan, AAP leader Malavika Gubbivani, NIE Professor Shyamasundar and others were present.

Theatre personality and actor Prakash Belawadi speaking at a session on 'Greater Mysuru' organised by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at its office in Yadavagiri on Thursday evening.

Does it align with 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments?

Prakash Belawadi also questioned whether the proposed 'Greater Mysuru' plan complies with existing laws and both the Central and State Government policies.

"The key issue is whether all these frameworks have been harmonised without violating any provisions," he said. He stressed that town planning in India must align with the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments, which empower Local Bodies.

"Has this proposal been prepared in accordance with these amendments? From what we understand, it has not. If that understanding is incorrect, the authorities must clarify to the public that all rules have been followed," he said.

Belawadi added that a plan developed with genuine public consultation and expert input, reflecting sustainable needs and future opportunities, would face no opposition.

"But if it is drafted without listening to the people, confusion and suspicion are bound to arise," he cautioned.

Permission must for sinking borewells: Mysuru DC

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (vNS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has said, it is mandatory to seek permission from Local Bodies such as village Panchayats, Town Panchayats, Town Municipal Council, City Municipal Councils and City Corporation for sinking borewells for agricultural, horticultural, drinking water and others purposes.

Lakshmikanth

Presiding over 13th District Ground Water Committee meeting held at the DC's Office here recently, he said that the people sinking borewells must get the confirmation letter with respect to distance between the ground water source and submit an online application at ***https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in*** for selecting the place for borewells under the online services of Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development and Ground Water Directorate.

Further, DC Lakshmikanth Reddy has also said that it is also compulsory to secure No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Karnataka Groundwater Authority for using groundwater for industrial, commercial, development of basic amenities, mining and entertainment purposes. Such entities can apply online applications through ***https://kgwa.in/Public.*** Failing which, action will be initiated as per the rules.

He said that Rs. 25,000 fine will be imposed on ring machines for sinking illegal borewells. "Precautionary measures should be taken by closing the borewells to prevent untoward incidents. Junior Engineers must ensure to keep an eye on the borewells sunk by the Government Departments, Boards and Corporation and quasi-Government agencies," said DC Lakshmikanth Reddy.

For more information, citizens can visit Senior Geologist, District Groundwater Office, No. 4899, 3rd Main Road, 13th Cross, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2340619.

Obituary

P. Shivappa

Mysuru, Apr. 25- P. Shivappa (82), a retired Engineer from Irrigation Department, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

A resident of No. 477, E-Block, behind J.P. Nagar Sports Club, Mysuru, he leaves behind his wife, daughter, son, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Apr. 26) at 2.30 pm at his farm land in Allanahalli on Mysuru-Gaddige Main Road, according to family sources.

VOICE OF THE READER

Deteriorating condition of Mahadevapura Main Road

Sir,

The condition of Mahadevapura Main Road (Azeez Sait Road) continues to deteriorate, despite repeated complaints drawing attention to the issue. The stretch has become increasingly unsafe due to the unchecked presence of autorickshaws. Many are parked haphazardly, while others are driven in blatant violation of traffic rules. Instances of wrong-side driving, sudden turns, abrupt stops and overspeeding have become common, putting both pedestrians and motorists at risk.

The situation is further aggravated by the indiscriminate dumping of garbage along the roadside. Apart from creating unhygienic conditions, the waste attracts stray cattle, which are frequently seen feeding on it. Their presence on the busy road has added to safety concerns, with the risk of accidents rising.

Equally worrying is the near absence of functional streetlights. Large portions of the road remain in darkness after dusk, making commuting hazardous and increasing the possibility of accidents and crime. Despite multiple representations, residents say there has been little to no action from the authorities.

We urge the Mysuru City Corporation and the Traffic Police to step in immediately to regulate traffic, clear garbage, address the stray cattle menace and restore street lighting without further delay.

—Dr. Suhail Azam Khan
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Vikram Muthanna

Ideology? What is that?

BJP National President Nitin Nabin offering laddu to AAP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha, who joined the BJP with six other MPs, at BJP Headquarters in New Delhi yesterday.

The defection of Raghav Chadha, along with six of his Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MPs to the BJP yesterday, is just another episode in India's long-running history of political defection.

It is a reminder that ideology in Indian politics is not a guiding principle. It's also a reminder that Indian politicians have no sense of shame either.

Raghav Chadha, speaking of why he left AAP, said he was *"the right man but in the wrong party."* So, is the BJP the right party? If so, then is Raghav Chadha an illiterate goon?

One may recall how Chadha once called the BJP a party of *"illiterates and goons."*

Then he added saying AAP was corrupt and that *"he didn't want to be part of their crimes."* Ironic considering that in the party he has jumped to, of the 240 BJP MPs, 94 of them have criminal cases! Guess it's ok to be part of BJP's crime, not AAP's?

What's changed?

Has the BJP undergone a miraculous transformation? No, the politician changed.

In our democracy, our leaders switch convictions with such alarming ease and speed that even a chameleon would be in awe.

But of course, Indian politics has no sense of ideology and no sense of shame; this is an age-old problem.

In fact, there is a phrase for politicians defecting, which was coined in 1967. The phrase is *"Aya Ram Gaya Ram."*

This phrase was coined by Haryana Congress MLA Rao Birendra Singh when, in 1967, his colleague MLA Gaya Lal switched parties three times in just two weeks!

Over the years, India has had thousands of defections, usually for self-interest. In fact, in 1967, when the menace of defection began, within 4 years, by 1971, there were 142 defections in Parliament and 1,969 defections in State Assemblies!

In this chaos, 32 Governments collapsed and 212 defectors were rewarded with ministerial positions.

Between 2016 and 2020 alone, over 400 MPs and MLAs in India switched political parties and recontested elections, with the Congress party losing 42% of its legislators and the BJP gaining 45%.

The trend continues and some have specialised in it.

Take Sharad Pawar, a master of political recalibration, who has aligned with parties he once opposed.

Then we have Nitish Kumar, whose political journey to the CM's chair is a series of frequent exits and re-entries between alliances. In Karnataka, we have JD(S).

But worse are the ones who switch sides and their narratives. Politicians who once thundered against 'corruption' embrace those they accused.

Leaders who warned of *"threats to democracy"* later share a stage with the very forces they warned against. It is not merely a betrayal of the party; it is a betrayal of their voters trust.

Many expected a man like Raghav Chadha to be different from the so-called 'opportunistic' politicians. When a politician like Raghav Chadha, educated, articulate and widely perceived as part of a new generation of leaders, indulges in such blatant contradiction, it sends a disheartening message.

A message that education does not guarantee integrity. That articulation does not ensure conviction and that politics, ultimately, is not about what you believe but where you benefit.

In that sense, Raghav Chadha may be highly literate, but his defection reveals a form of moral illiteracy.

Of course, his defenders will argue that politics is the *"art of possibilities."* That alliances are necessary. That pragmatism must sometimes override ideology.

But there is a difference between pragmatism and opportunism. Pragmatism adjusts strategy while holding on to core principles. Opportunism abandons principles in pursuit of power. And what we are witnessing today is the latter.

When people like Raghav Chadha and Swati Maliwal reduce ideology to a tool rather than a compass and when parties become interchangeable you are no longer representatives of the people, you are representing your self-interest.

The AAP MPs could have resigned and given clear reasons why and helped clean up a party born out of an anti-corruption movement. Instead, they quietly, shamelessly joined a party they told their voters was filled with *"illiterates and goons"* and the BJP took them in, after being called so?!

Some say that *'opportunistic'* Raghav Chadha and Swati Maliwal have discouraged educated youngsters from joining politics, who have viewed them as faces of modern Indian politics.

Sadly, these AAP MPs have proved that old adage, *"all politicians are the same"* as being true.

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Talk on 'Sangeethagaarara Jeevana Kathegalu'

Mysuru, Apr. 25- As part of its 'Sahitya Chavadi' programme, Kalasuruchi, Mysuru, has organised a talk on 'Sangeethagaarara Jeevana Kathegalu' by Writer-Journalist Dr. Jagadeesh Koppa, at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Apr. 26) at 10.30 am.

Dr. Jagadeesh

Profile: Jagadeesh Koppa was born in 1956 in Koppa village of Maddur taluk, Mandya district, in a farmer's family. He received BA degree from v.v. Puram College, Bengaluru, MA in Economics from university of Mysore and Doctorate for his thesis 'Globalisation and Rural India' from Hampi Kannada university. He entered Journalism in 1981 and served as Head of North Karnataka Regional Office of Hubballi *Udaya TV* until 2018 and is now living a retired life in Mysuru.

After starting writing in 1995 with the work 'Summana Padyagal,' he has written a total of forty works on subjects including Science, History, Literature, Biography, Development and Environment, Biographies and adaptations of artistes of Hindustani and Karnatak Music of Indian Music.

Since 2017, his works and some chapters of his works are being taught as texts for under-Graduate (uG) classes in six universities in Karnataka.

In 2013, he received the Karnataka Sahitya Academy Awards for his work on the history of Naxalism in India, 'Endoo Mugiyada yuddha' and in 2015, for his work on the biography of Jim Corbett, 'Bilisahebana Bharata'.

In 2013, he received the Kuvempu Bhasha Bharati Authority's Best Translation Award for his translation of the book 'Desert Flower.'

In addition, he received the C.v. Rajagopal Memorial Award from Bangalore Navakarnataka Prakashan for his article on Gulbarga's Shankar Rao, Supi Kavya and Kathana for his work on the death of the deceased.

For his service to Journalism, he was awarded Environment and Development Journalism Award from the Government of Karnataka in 2015, H.K. veeranna Gowda Journalism Award from Mysore Kuvempu Trust in 2017, Basavaraja Kattimani Journalism Award from Basavaraja Kattimani National Memorial Trust in Belagavi in 2018, Tejaswi Award from Tejaswi Foundation in Bengaluru and B.M. Sri Foundation Award.

'Career Counselling' event by Nypunya tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 25 - A 'Career Counselling' programme has been organised at Hotel Southern Star in city tomorrow (Apr. 26) at 10 am.

Prashanth

Prof. Gururaj

Prashanth Kumar Nayak, Professional Mentor & Counsellor and Prof. Gururaj Sreedhara, Popular Science Writer & Educationist, will discuss on 'What next after SSLC?' and 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education and Career Choices.'

R. Raghu, Chairman, Nypunya School of Excellence, will preside over the event.

Prashanth Nayak: An Engineer by profession, he has worked in senior positions in the Computer Technology field for two decades, served at the Rolls-Royce company in England and is now working as a mentor for students and youth by passion.

Prof. Gururaj Sreedhara: An Applied Mathematician with over three-and-a-half decades of experience in teaching and administration, he has served as Principal in prestigious institutions of Bengaluru, as a popular Science Writer, as a Mathematics teacher and as a Master Trainer for international educators. He has authored ten books on Modern Science-Environment-Technology.

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Snakebite research wins Bhramara Award

Former Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India *Padma Shri* Prof. K. Vijayraghavan calls for innovation-led growth

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (vvH&BCT)- *Padma Shri* Prof. K. vijayraghavan, former Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, has expressed concern over the rapid changes brought about by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Biotechnology, warning that automation is fuelling fears of job losses worldwide.

Speaking as chief guest at the Bhramara Award ceremony organised by the Bhramara Trust of y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari, Mysuru, at Sri Rajendra Auditorium of JSS College of Pharmacy, Sri Shivarathreeshwaranagar in city last evening, he said AI is reducing human involvement even in biological sciences, while ongoing conflicts are adding to global uncertainty.

"This is a time of challenges and uncertainty for young people, but it is also a period when important ideas can take shape. New solutions often emerge during difficult times," he said.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji honoured Prof. K. Kemparaju (left), Senior Professor, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, University of Mysore and Prof. Kesturu S. Girish, Professor, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, Tumkur University, with the Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Research Helping Humanity at an event held in city last evening. They are seen with (from left) Managing Trustee of Bhramara Trust Madhuri Thathachari, Janaki Kemparaju, Padma Shri Prof. K. Vijayraghavan, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji, Sunitha Girish, ASTRA Professor and J.C. Bose National Fellow Prof. P.N. Rangarajan and Bhramara Trustee Prof. R. Srinivasan.

Cutting jobs

Prof. vijayraghavan noted that biotechnology has undergone a major transformation over the past three to four decades and stressed that universities must foster environments that encourage fresh thinking, critical discussion and refinement of ideas.

He pointed out that microbiology-driven biotechnology is now enabling the production of key components in laboratories using organisms such as yeast, replacing plant-based sources. While medicines like insulin are now produced more efficiently, such advancements are also reducing employment opportunities.

"We must move beyond imitation and embrace innovation, harnessing the creativity of youth," he said.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, who is also the Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, delivered the benediction and honoured Prof. K. Kemparaju, Senior Professor, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, university of Mysore (uoM) and Prof. Kesturu S. Girish, Professor, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, Tumkur university, with Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Research Helping Humanity.

Their work has led to methods that help save lives in cases of cobra bites and prevent limb loss in victims of viper bites.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who presided, lauded the two researchers for developing solutions to long-standing problems caused by venomous snakebites.

He said their work has helped address complications arising from viper bites, which often resulted in permanent disability. "Finding remedies for such persistent issues is commendable," he added.

Prof. P.N. Rangarajan, ASTRA Professor and J.C. Bose National Fellow, Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru, who was the guest of honour, also spoke.

Correspondent of Sri Ramakrishna vidyashala Swami yukteshanandaji; Principal of JSS College of Pharmacy Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar; Managing Trustee of Bhramara Trust Madhuri Thathachari; Trustee Prof. R. Srinivasan; Prof. K. Kemparaju's wife Janaki Kemparaju, Prof. Kesturu S. Girish's wife Sunitha Girish and others were present.

Bhramara Trust lauded

The Bhramara Trust's initiative to recognise and promote research in key disciplines such as physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and medicine is commendable. Science is often seen as distant from everyday life, but these two scientists have proved otherwise."

— Prof. P.N. Rangarajan, ASTRA Professor and J.C. Bose National Fellow, Dept. of Biochemistry, IISc., Bengaluru

The university of Mysore has extended strong support for snakebite research. This achievement is the result of the efforts of many who worked behind the scenes. I thank everyone who has been part of this journey."

— Prof. K. Kemparaju, Senior Professor, Dept. of Studies in Biochemistry, UoM

I thank the Bhramara Trust of y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari for recognising our work. Whatever I have achieved is due to my mentor, Prof. K. Kemparaju. His guidance and support made this possible."

— Prof. Kesturu S. Girish, Dept. of Studies in Biochemistry, Tumkur University

Sumaya Properties marks 10th Anniversary with 'Guddali Puja' of 'Pragati Nisarga' in Mysuru

K. Ramaswamy, Founder, Ashwini Real Estate, being felicitated on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Sumaya Properties Private Limited yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 25- Celebrating a decade of excellence in real estate, Sumaya Properties Private Limited commemorated its 10th anniversary with the auspicious 'Guddali Puja' ceremony of its new premium residential project, 'Pragati Nisarga' yesterday.

Spread across 25 acres, Pragati Nisarga is envisioned as a luxurious gated community offering a serene and modern lifestyle. Strategically located near Mysore Airport on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, adjacent to MIT Engineering College, the project boasts excellent connectivity and accessibility. The layout is officially approved by the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), ensuring compliance with all regulatory standards.

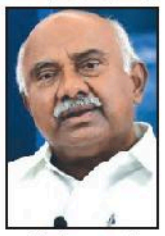
Sudhi S. Shetty and vishakha C. Hegde, Managing Directors of Sumaya Properties Private Limited, shared their vision for the project. Also present were yadalam Harikishore and G. Manjunath Raju, Managing Partners of Pragathi united, along with K. Ramaswamy, Founder of Ashwini Real Estate.

Speaking on the occasion, the management highlighted their commitment to creating sustainable and thoughtfully designed living spaces that blend luxury with nature. Pragati Nisarga aims to offer residents a harmonious lifestyle amidst greenery while maintaining modern infrastructure and amenities.

'Guddali Puja' ceremony was attended by partners, well-wishers and stakeholders.

MLC Vishwanath casts doubts over record SSLC pass percentage

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (GA&DM)- Wondering how the State recorded a very high pass percentage of 94.1 in recent SSLC exams, which is a whopping 30 percent jump from the previous year, MLC A.H. vishwanath attributed the high pass percentage to copying and other exam malpractices.



Vishwanath

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, vishwanath, who is himself a former Education Minister, expressed concerns over declining standards of education in our State. "I was totally surprised by the high pass percentage in SSLC this year. The students have been given 20 out of 20 marks blindly in internal tests, giving a go by to correct evaluation of answer scripts. The Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa is out to sabotage the quality of education in our State. It is totally wrong on the part of the Minister to have reportedly visited the SSLC evaluation camps after the exams concluded", he maintained.

Wondering how the State can record such a high pass percentage when several Northern Karnataka districts are facing acute teacher shortage of over 40 percent, vishwanath wanted to know how the State arrived at this result, when most Government schools lacked teachers and other facilities.

Expressing disappointment over a good number of students failing in our mother tongue Kannada language, the MLC asked the Education Minister what he was doing to address this serious matter. Alleging rampant corruption in the Education department, vishwanath lambasted the claims of the Minister and other elected representatives of the ruling party over academic progress in the State. He also questioned how the Education Department can announce the results just two days after the HC asked the State Government to give marks to Third language paper instead of grading system. vishwanath also asked Minister Madhu Bangarappa to drop the name of his father, former Chief Minister late S. Bangarappa, who was a real champion of Backward Castes, from his name, as he (Madhu) is in no way comparable to him.

Accusing CM Siddaramaiah of pushing the State to whirlpool of debts through excessive borrowings, vishwanath termed the formula on internal reservation quota rolled out by the State Cabinet yesterday as an injustice to SC communities. He also questioned the functioning of Health Department, when most of Government Hospitals lack Medicines and other treatment materials such as Band Aid and Tincture.

Local leader Basavegowda was present at the press meet.

'Preserving our heritage is a collective responsibility'

Mysuru, Apr. 25- World Heritage Day was celebrated by the Department of History at JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, on Apr. 21.

Resource person Dr. K.M. Mahadevaswamy, Lecturer, Department of History, JSS Pu College, Saragur, opined that preserving our heritage is a collective responsibility. Highlighting the significance of the day, he noted that World Heritage Day serves as an inspiration to honour our cultural legacy and safeguard it for future generations.

He stated that World Heritage Day is observed annually on Apr. 18 to raise public awareness about the protection and importance of our invaluable historical and cultural assets.

He further emphasised that the core objective of this celebration is to foster awareness regarding conservation of human history, culture and natural wealth. He also pointed out that uNESCO is observing World Heritage Day-2026 with a special focus on the theme: "The urgent need to protect heritage sites facing threats from conflicts and disasters."

Dr. Rechanna, Principal, who presided, urged students to focus on preserving traditions and culture of the land. He encouraged them to take pride in their heritage and strive toward gaining global cultural recognition for it.

Dr. A.G. Dharmesh, Head, Department of History, faculty members and students participated. L. Sanjana welcomed. S.M. Sahana compered. Maanya proposed the vote of thanks.

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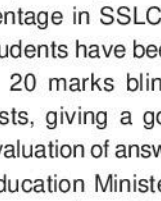
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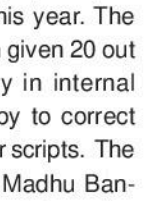
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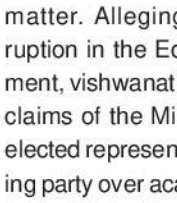
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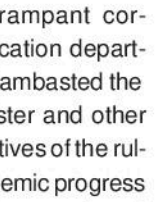
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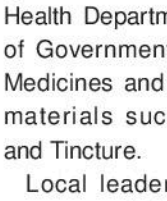
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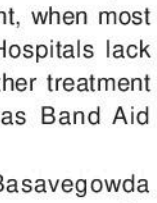
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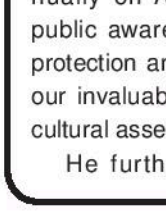
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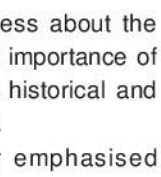
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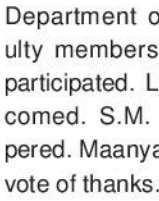
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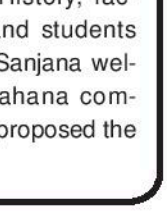
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Echo of US tourist's rape in Kodagu homestay

City cops warn resort, homestay operators to ensure guest safety

Tourism Department asked to provide a list of facilities

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar along with DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada holding a meeting of operators of tourist accommodations in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MTy&BS)- Following the alleged sexual assault of a uS tourist at a homestay in Kutta in Kodagu district recently, the Mysuru City Police have stepped up measures to regulate homestays and resorts within the Commissionerate limits.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada held a meeting with owners of resorts and homestays at the Commissioner's office in Nazarbad yesterday.

At the meeting, Latkar directed operators to mandatorily submit Form-C details of foreign tourists to the authorities. She also stressed that proper identity verification of guests must be carried out by collecting valid documents.

She further instructed that CCTv cameras must be kept functional at all times, with regular maintenance, to ensure the safety and security of guests.

Warning of strict action, Latkar said any violations, particularly by establishments operating without licences, would not be tolerated.

She added that a letter has been written to the Tourism Department seeking details on the exact number of homestays and resorts functioning within the City Police jurisdiction.

About 25 homestay and resort owners are said to have attended the meeting.

Jail raid: Substitute ganja, sharpened spoons found

DGP Prisons Alok Kumar leads two-hour surprise raid, unearths weapons, security lapses

Alok Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MTy, AG& BCT) - A surprise raid on Mysuru Central Prison last night has exposed how inmates were managing to bypass prison rules and improvise prohibited items inside the jail.

The raid was led by Director General of Police (Prisons and Correctional Services) Alok Kumar and Mysuru DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada.

In Room 21, the team found an undertrial prisoner, Vinay alias 'Soppu', in possession of a 30-gram mixture hidden in his bag. The substance, made from dried leaves collected within the prison compound, wood dust and used tea powder, is suspected to have been used as a substitute for ganja.

The raid, conducted between 7.15 pm and 9.15 pm, was aimed at assessing internal security and identifying lapses.

Sources said the operation was carried out without prior notice to prison staff. While a few senior city Police officers were taken into confidence, the jail staff were kept completely in the dark and normal protocol was not followed.

A 65-member team led by NR ACP K.T. Mathews Thomas and City Crime Branch (CCB) ACP Sharief Rawther, along with personnel from the commando force and dog squad, carried out searches across the barracks.

The search also brought to light improvised items that could pose a threat. In Room 12, a clay pipe was found concealed atop a bathroom structure. Two steel spoons, which had been sharpened against hard surfaces to turn them into pointed weapons (shanks), were also seized.

Police said such items could be used for intimidation or violence. A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station.

Following the raid, DGP Alok Kumar ordered a comprehensive upgrade of the prison's security systems. He directed that all 58 CCTv cameras be upgraded to AI-enabled systems for better monitoring of inmate movement.

After mobile network signals were detected near an old stone building within the prison premises, he also ordered the installation of two additional jammers to prevent unauthorised communication.

Karnataka State Industrial Security Force, which is in charge of prison security, has been placed on high alert. Officials have been told to tighten physical checks of all visitors and staff entering the premises.

'Create awareness about ill-effects of narcotic drugs'

Addl. SP C. Mallik chairs District Narco Coordination Committee meeting

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MK&BS)-Additional Superintendent of Police (Addl.SP) C. Mallik advised officers to create awareness about the ill-effects of consuming narcotic drugs among youngsters.

He was chairing the District-level Narco Coordination Committee meeting at Zilla Panchayat meeting hall in the city recently.

Addl.SP Mallik said, apart from creating awareness, the youths should be cautioned that the consumption of narcotic drugs is also an offence. Those found under the influence of drugs, should be subjected to medical test, he added.

The Excise Department personnel should conduct extensive searches and raid those spots found suspiciously. There are chances of growing ganja plants in the backyard of the house, which can be prevented by carrying out regular raids.

Smoking cigarette and beedi in public places is prohibited, which should be checked by imposing spot fine. Apart from taking a toll on the health of whoever consumes tobacco products, even the passive smokers are affected, said Addl. SP Mallik.

To make the drug addicts free from continuing with their habit, Rehabilitation Centres are being operated in several places, which have also succeeded in reforming the drug addicts, he said.

In Mysuru district alone, 80 people have been booked in 71 cases under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, informed Mallik.

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R. Aishwarya is new Mysuru ADC

Aishwarya

Mysuru, Apr. 25- The State Government yesterday appointed senior grade KAS officer R. Aishwarya as the new Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Mysuru. Aishwarya, who was previously serving as Kodagu ADC, replaces Dr. P. Shivaraju, who has been transferred.

He has been asked to report at Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms at Bengaluru for new posting. Dr. Shivaraju, a Super-time Scale KAS officer, had taken charge as Mysuru ADC on Feb. 10, 2024, succeeding R. Lokanath, having previously served as Addl. Commissioner, Regional Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

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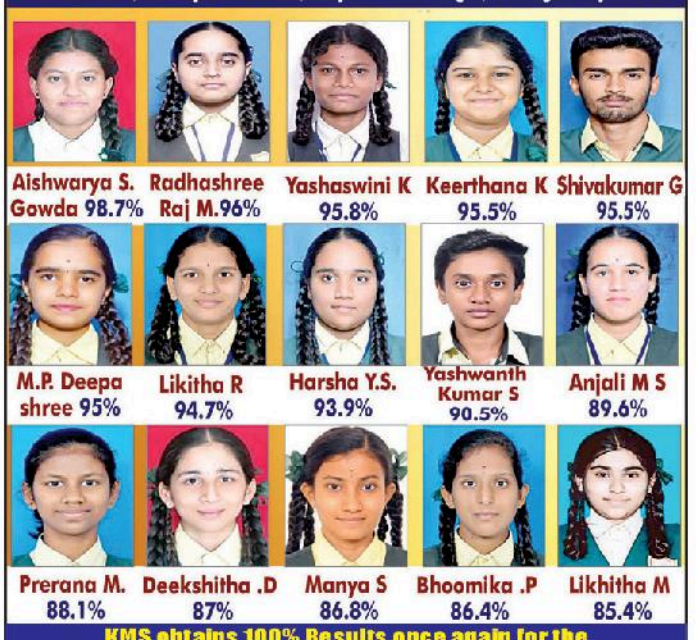

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At Hootagalli CMC...

Taxpayers forced to wait in queue under hovering sun

People standing in queue at the premises of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) office, at Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) colony in the city, to pay property tax.

No basic arrangements have been made for the comfort of people standing in serpentine queue to pay property tax, allege residents

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MTy&BS)- The public have vented their anguish against Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) at Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) colony, High Tension Double Road, in Hootagalli here, for not making adequate arrangements for the comfort of taxpayers, who are already reeling under sweltering heat, due to maximum temperature.

With the State urban Development Department, announcing a rebate of 5% on property tax, from Apr.1, the property owners are making a beeline to Hootagalli CMC to cash in on the benefit. However, what is bothering them is lack of adequate basic requirements and the staff to guide them with essential information.

Except for the portico, where those standing in the queue are assured of shade and reprieve from the hovering sun, the rest standing in serpentine queue outside, especially the elderly people are forced to bear the brunt. They have to wait for hours to make the payment, without any adequate facility to sit and relax for a while under the shade of a pandal.

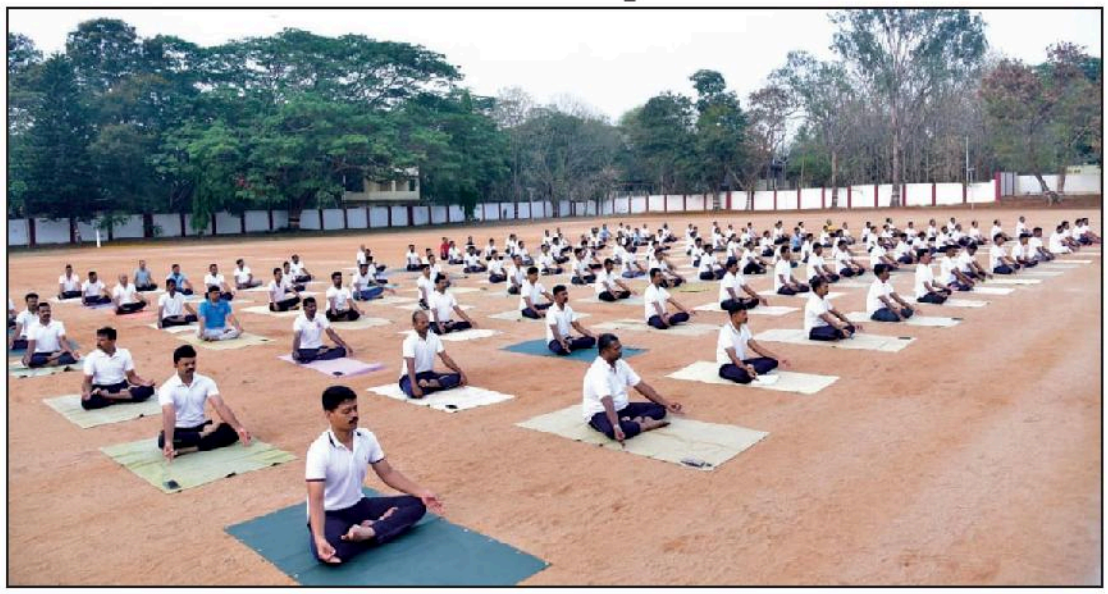
While the number of taxpayers runs up to several hundreds, only three counters have been opened to collect the tax, adding to the grouse of waiting property owners. Amidst this, the middlemen are making hay by targeting gullible residents, in the absence of CMC staff to facilitate them.

Rs. 25 crore target

Commissioner of Hootagalli CMC B. Chandrashekar, said further measures will be taken to provide basic amenities for the people arriving to pay tax. While arrangements have been made to provide shade and seating for the people.

With the Government announcing a rebate, the target is to collect Rs. 25 crore property tax and Rs. 2.46 crore has been collected so far.

Yoga awareness programme held for DAR personnel



DAR personnel seen taking part in the yoga awareness programme organised at DAR Grounds, Jyothinagar in city this morning.

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MTy&vNS)- With raising concerns over the health conditions of the Police personnel, the District Armed Reserve (DAR) had organised a one-day yoga awareness programme at DAR Grounds in Jyothinagar in city this morning.

The programme focused on creating awareness among the Police personnel to handle stress levels and workload. yoga teacher Pashupathy conducted the yoga class during which different yogasanas were introduced to the Police personnel including meditation and pranayama.

Pashupathy also explained the benefits of various asanas and instructed the Police personnel to include yoga as part of their daily routine which would help them in handling pressure and stress levels.

The programme was organised under the guidance of DySP Nagesh. DAR DySP veeranna, DAR Reserve Police Inspector Subramanya and more than 200 DAR personnel took part.

Tributes, blood donation mark Dr. Rajkumar birth anniversary

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MK&TRR)- The 97th birth anniversary of legendary Kannada actor Dr. Rajkumar was celebrated yesterday at a function organised by the District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Department of Information and Public Relations and the Department of Kannada and Culture at Dr. Rajkumar Park in city.

Dignitaries paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Rajkumar at the park.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, who inaugurated the event, said that he was honoured to take part in the celebrations and recalled the immense popularity of Dr. Rajkumar across Karnataka.

"He had millions of fans who celebrated his film releases as a festival. Even from Kannegowdana Koppalu alone, large crowds would head to theatres to watch his films," he said.

Recalling his younger days, Harishgowda said he and his friends would skip classes to take part in the Gokak movement, which gained momentum after Dr. Rajkumar extended his support. He also shared an incident of falling from a crowded city bus while rushing to watch the actor's film *Keralida Simha*. He urged the Department of Information and Public Relations to celebrate the actor's birth anniversary on a larger scale in the coming years.

Film producer S.A. Srinivas, a family member of Dr. Rajkumar, M. Ramegowda, Founder-President of Akhila Karnataka Dr. Rajkumar Abhimanigala Sangha, Hasiru Sene Shivashankar, producer Golden Suresh, Murthy, Lingaiah, Nirmala, Assistant Director of the Department of Information and Public Relations, and others were present.

At a separate event held at the same venue, fans of Dr. Rajkumar took part in a voluntary blood donation camp jointly organised by Jeevadhara Blood Bank and the actor's fans' association. The camp was inaugurated by Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa. Certificates were distributed to the donors on the occasion.

Art Exhibition to conclude this evening

Karnataka Lalithkala Academy former Chairman Dr. M.S. Murthy, who inaugurated the two-day Art Exhibition of 12 artists from across Karnataka, at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira premises yesterday, is seen taking a look at an art work on display. Senior artist S.M. Jambukeshwara, Dr. Vithala Reddy, Chulaki Parameshwara and Dr. Kundagola were present on the occasion. The expo will be open till 6 pm today.

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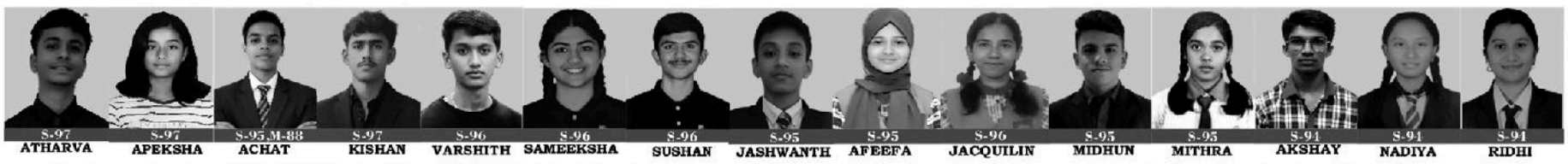

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Premature infant death at Cheluvamba Hospital

MP seeks better care, staff accountability

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MK&BCT)- Following the death of a premature infant at Neonatal Intensive Care unit (NICu) of Cheluvamba Hospital, with parents alleging that the baby was attacked by ants and accusing staff of negligence, Mysuru-Kodagu MP yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar visited the hospital and reviewed the situation.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar interacting with MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani at Cheluvamba Hospital in city yesterday as City BJP President L. Nagendra and others look on.

The MP conducted an inspection of the maternal facility last evening and directed officials to give higher priority to maternal and child healthcare.

In a press statement, Wadiyar said, he was concerned over reports of such an incident at one of Mysuru's prominent hospitals. "After seeing media reports, I visited the hospital to interact with doctors & patients and to assess the situation firsthand," he said.

During his interaction with hospital authorities, he stressed that any lapse in maternal and child care would not be tolerated and warned that continued negligence could invite legal action.

He inspected various departments, including the NICu, and directed officials to ensure that all medical equipment is kept in proper working condition. Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani and staff were also instructed to make effective use of available funds for hospital management.

Hot water dispenser installed

During his visit, patients and attendants raised concerns about the lack of hot water facilities. Responding immediately, the MP arranged for a hot water dispenser from his personal funds and ensured it was installed within minutes.

Patients and attendants welcomed the move and appreciated the prompt response.

Wadiyar said, Cheluvamba Hospital, established by his forefathers, holds significance and stressed the need to maintain high standards of healthcare. He also assured that he would visit the hospital once every two to three months to review facilities and monitor improvements.

Show-cause notices served to seven staff

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (MK&BCT)- In connection with the recent incident at Cheluvamba Hospital, where a newborn is suspected to have died after being bitten by ants in NICU, seven staff members have been served show-cause notices. Those issued notices include duty doctors, the ward in-charge, nurses and sanitation workers.

Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Lakshmikanth said, the staff have been asked to submit their explanations within 48 hours. "Disciplinary action will be initiated if the replies are not satisfactory," he said.

The notices also refer to allegations made by the infant's parents, who staged a protest claiming negligence led to the baby's death. A post-mortem was conducted yesterday in the presence of the parents. To ascertain the exact cause of death, samples have been sent to a Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Madhya Pradesh.

Police have recorded statements from the parents and collected details about the infant's condition from the time of admission till death.

The child was laid to rest at Puttegowdanahundi village in T. Narasipur taluk, with family members and villagers mourning the loss.

Mandya DC forms Committees to examine Diagnostic Centres

Mandya, Apr. 25 (vNS)- Following recent Lokayukta raids on Diagnostic Centres across the district, Mandya DC Dr. Kumara has formation Committees at taluk-level to examine the centres and file a report within the next 10 days.

Mandya DC Dr. Kumara presiding over a meeting of the district-level officers at his office yesterday.

Presiding over a meeting of district-level officers at his office yesterday, to discuss on actions to be taken against the illegal foetal sex detection scanning being reported across the district, Dr. Kumara, said, "Taluk-level Committees, headed by Taluk Health Officers, have been formed to conduct periodic checks on the functioning of the diagnostic centres and to file a report within 10 days after visiting of the centres under the jurisdictions."

He also added that monthly meetings, presided by respective Assistant Commissioners, should be held during which a report should be submitted.

"Action must be initiated under the provisions of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) (PC PNDT) Act, 1994 against the diagnostic centres found violating the rules. The concerned Department must be informed about centres found not reporting teenage pregnancy and carrying out illegal sex detection scanning. Measures must be initiated to cancel the licenses of such centres besides filing case against them," he added.

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member and Senior Civil Judge M. Anand, Mandya Assistant Commissioner Shivamurthy, Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner Srinivas, District Family Welfare Officer Dr. Bettaswamy, Leprosy Eradication Officer Somashekar, Dr. Kumar, Kantharaju and Dr. K.P. Ashwath were present at the meeting.

Lorry driver swindled over petty duel in city

Mysuru, Apr. 25 (GA&BS)- A 30-year-old lorry driver from Belagavi was swindled of Rs. 1,300 by six to seven people, behind Sankalp Apartment, yadavagiri in city yesterday.

Patrappa, who hails from Saundatti in Belagavi district, was driving his lorry, which allegedly brushed past an autorickshaw near Shubodini Convention Hall, near Hebbal Outer Ring Road (ORR) junction, at around 9 pm. Both the drivers entered into a wordy duel and manhandled each other, during which both sustained bruises. Later, the two decided to go to the Police and auto driver, agreed to take Patrappa to the Police, in his autorickshaw. As the auto was passing near Sankalp Apartment, the auto driver called some of his friends over phone to join him. His friends, who came, allegedly forced Patrappa to pay for the treatment of the fellow auto driver and swindled Rs. 1,300 from the latter, before fleeing from the spot.

Hebbal Police have registered a case and are tracing the suspects.

Mother kills alcoholic son after years of abuse

(Continued from page 3)

Addicted to liquor

Police said, Manjula, who has two sons, had been facing severe hardship for several years. Her elder son is paralysed and bedridden, while Ramesh, though physically fit, was unemployed and addicted to alcohol. He would frequently demand money from his mother to buy liquor and allegedly assault her when she refused. Manjula, who worked as a domestic help, had endured the abuse for years.

According to the Police, the continued harassment drove her to take the extreme step. She allegedly attacked Ramesh with a stick and later smashed his head with a stone, killing him on the spot. She then attempted to cover up the crime.

CCTV trail cracks case

The case, which initially had no leads, was solved through analysis of CCTv footage. After body was found, Police examined footage from several locations but found no immediate clues.

A breakthrough came from the shorts worn by the deceased. While scanning CCTv footage from shops and junctions along Chamundi Hill Road, officers spotted a man in an autorickshaw wearing similar shorts.

Travel in 3 autorickshaws

Police tracked the autorickshaw and found that it had come from the Jayadeva Hospital area. Further footage showed a man and a woman walking together nearby, raising suspicion.

Investigators then traced their movements across three different autorickshaws. One ride originated from the Outer Ring Road and was linked to another from Kesare Kurimandi. Local enquiries helped identify the victim as Ramesh.

As the investigation progressed, suspicion fell on his mother. Manjula was taken into custody and, during questioning, confessed to the crime, revealing the motive and sequence of events.

Over 200 CCTV cameras scanned

Police reviewed footage from more than 200 CCTv cameras across Mysuru during the investigation. The visuals helped reconstruct the movements of the accused and the victim.

On Thursday night, Manjula was taken to Tavarekatte for spot mahazar. Her statement was recorded before she was produced before the Court. She is said to have committed the crime on Apr. 14 at around 8.30 am. The Court has remanded her to Judicial Custody.

The investigation was carried out under the supervision of DCPs Dr. Harsha Priyamvada (Law and Order) and K.S. Sundar Raj (Crime and Traffic) and Devaraja ACP K. Rajendra.

Nazarbad Inspector M. Mahadevswamy led the operation, assisted by Sub-Inspectors P. Nataraj, N. Anil Kumar, Rangaswamy and M.L. Siddesh. The team also included staff members B.v. Prakash, Purushottam, S. Satish Kumar, Gopal, Praveen Kumar, Sanju, Sandesh Kumar, venkatesh, Mohammad Ismail, Suresh, Manjunath, Abdul Rehman, Shivaprasad, Chinnappa, Jayakumar, Krishna, Parashuram, Chaitra, Nandini and Kumar from the Call Detail Record (CDR) unit.

Murder carried out alone

Investigators said, Manjula acted alone. She lured her son to the deserted Tavarekatte area, attacked him with a wooden log and then smashed his head with a stone. Sources said that during the scene reconstruction, she showed no remorse and reportedly told the Police, "I have surrendered my tormenting son to Goddess Chamundi."

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Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	(S-2)	11.35 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Ginny Wedss Sunny 2 (H)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 7.25 pm
Amarkkalam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Sankeerthana (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Vaazha2- Biopic of a Billion Bro (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
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Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Maayan (Ta)	:	1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
Calendar (H)	:	6.25 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	6.40 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.15 am, 2.05 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.40 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.55 am, 4.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	3.20 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.20 pm

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Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.00 am, 2.20 pm, 5.40 pm, 10.15 pm
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Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAy (APRIL 25)

- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of uttaradi Mutt branch, Pandit Baadarayanacharya delivers discourse (Gayatri Chintana), Kendra premises, Srirampura, **4 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Story-telling by M. Shashidhar Dongre, Engineer, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, from **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **University of Mysore and Gautama Vidyarthi Nilaya:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations and anniversary of Gautama vidyarthi Nilaya, G. Purushotham, Inspector, Saraswathipuram Police Station inaugurates, Prof. v. Shanmugham, Principal, Maharaja's College, Mysuru, chief guest, Prof. C. Gurusiddaiah, Director, Student Welfare Directorate, Manasagangothri, will be present, Dr. S.N Sushma, Assistant Director, Directorate of Student Welfare, presides, Gautama vidyarthi Nilaya premises, Manasagangothri campus, **5 pm.**
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysore Local Centre and tAct, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru and Jiv, Mysuru:** World Earth Day, technical talk on 'Ecologically Sensitive Regions in Western Ghats: Conservation for Intergenerational,' Dr. T.v. Ramachandra, Co-ordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, guest speaker; Er. H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman of The Institution of Engineers, Mysore Local Centre, presides; Er. S. Shivaprasad, Programme Convenor and Er. M.K. Nanjaiah, Hon. Secretary, will be present, IEI's S.P. Bhat Hall, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Nirdhigantha Educational and Cultural Trust and Aarohana Preschool:** 'Arivu,' an initiative to reflect, learn and cultivate mindfulness, 'Parenting,' a session rooted in empathy and wisdom with Dr. S. Sumathi, Professor in Education, BGS B.Ed College, Aarohana Preschool, Bogadi 2nd Stage, **5.15 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Rukmini Kalyanotsava and Laja Homa, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru**: Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Kaivalyopanishad' in English, Ashram premises, yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **University Evening College (University of Mysore) and Extracurricular Activities Committee 2025-26:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations and college anniversary — valedictory of Cultural, Sports and NSS activities, M.K. Savitha, Registrar, uoM, will inaugurates, Malkundi Mahadevaswamy, Poet, chief guest, Prof. K. Thimmaiah, College Principal, presides, New Building, university Evening College, **6 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Party,' written by Mahesh Elkunchwar, translated by Prasad Kundur, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 26)

- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Rathanga Homa, Rathasnapana, Mantapotsava, Alwar Kala Bhavana, **6 am**; Divya Ratharohana (vrishabha Lagna) - Rathotsava is taken out in procession in Gokulam 3rd Stage, **7.15 am to 8.15 am;** Chatusthanarchana, Nrithya Homa, Shanthyotsava, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Vijayanagar 3rd Stage Cultural Forum:** Basava Jayanti and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations, health camp, **8.30 am onwards;** Music programme by vid. S. Jayaram and troupe, **5.30 pm;** Stage programme, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, writer Prof. K. Thimmaiah and university of Mysore's Swami vivekananda Chair visiting Professor S. venkatesh chief guests, Forum President S. Manjunath presides, C-Block Park No. 8, vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **The Anathalaya, Mysuru:** v. Narayan Rao Memorial Inter-College Kannada Debate Competition, The Anathalaya premises, Narayan Shastri Road, **9 am.** [Mob: 63618-48995 or 63643-65716]
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi, Mysuru:** Sahitya Chavadi, talk on 'Sangeethagaarara Jeevana Kathegalu' by Writer-Journalist Dr. Jagadeesh Koppa, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on 'What is wrong with us - the Human Race' by Dr. H.S. Shivanna, Pragmatic Academician, Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, vijayanagar 4th Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Anveshana Seva Trust:** Releasing of the book 'Baduku Omme Maatra' (Kannada version of a collection of English articles by author Dr. N. Prabhudeva, a former vice-Chancellor of Bangalore university), translated into Kannada by Srinivas Bahaddur & Bhramara Bahaddur, published by vaidyavartha Prakashana, Mysuru, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah inaugurates the event, Jayadeva Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda releases the book, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.45 am.**
- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthanada Trust, Ittigegud:** Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 102nd Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, various rituals, Temple premises, **12 noon onwards;** Mahamangalarati, **12 midnight.**
- **Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha:** Basava Jayanti celebrations, stage programme, writer from Ramadurga Prof. Siddanna Langoti chief guest, Sangha President M.T. Mallikarjun presides, **3 pm;** Procession, Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna vachanaveda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Ra-Ga Amrutham, a celestial evening with Live-in Concert by Padma Shri Ranjani & Gayatri, JCAC premises, vijayanagar 1st Stage, **7 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
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Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	9.55 am, 5.55 pm
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Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 11.10 am, 12.55 pm, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 2.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Darling (Te)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.45 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	11.15 am, 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.40 pm
Ludo (K)	:	1.50 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	:	2.05 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	4.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.20 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
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